

Tennessee Beef Producers Get Shows, Sales, News at March 12-14 Agribition

NASHVILLE, March 2 – The 22nd Annual Tennessee Beef Agribition will be held in Murfreesboro, March 12-14 at Middle Tennessee State University's Tennessee Livestock Center. The three-day cattle show and sale event also features one of the largest trade shows in the Southeast, giving participants a look at new products and the direction of the industry.

Nine different chartered breeds are represented at the event. The breed shows begin Friday at 11:30 a.m. with sales for each breed immediately following that breed's show. Saturday shows and sales begin at 8:00 a.m. A limited number of cow and calf pairs will be available for sale, says Baker. Pairs will be available for viewing at the center before being sold. The junior show, one of the event's most popular features, will take place Sunday.

"In addition to serving as the state's largest beef show and sale, Tennessee Beef Agribition traditionally is the place for cattle producers to find out the latest in information and technology for their industry," says Tennessee Department of Agriculture Livestock Marketing Specialist Wendy Lofton. "That includes hearing about the latest opportunities to receive cost share funds for needed equipment through TAEP, the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program."

Lofton says that "Agribition offers serious producers opportunities few events can match, including the opportunity to purchase cows and heifers, high quality bulls, purebred breeding stock and even donor embryos during a peak breeding season. "

"The added benefit of watching breeds being shown and judged just before sale is something few buyers ever experience except during Agribition.

Lofton adds that 4-Her's can find the show animals they want for the year's fair season, with plenty of time to work with them before fair season starts. According to the specialist, "4-Her's looking for show animals can actually buy a calf on Saturday, then turn around and get show experience with that animal in the junior show on Sunday."

To learn more about Tennessee Beef Agribition and Agribition Junior Show, contact Quintin Smith at (615) 207-0830. For trade show information, contact Phyllis Ferguson at (615) 274-6267. For information on upcoming agricultural events like the Tennessee Agribition, visit www.PickTnProducts.org , click on "For Producers," then click "Events Calendar."

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